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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11,12,16,17,20,27,41,42,44 and 46-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11,12,16,17,20,27,41,42,44 and 46-59 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 4/4/07.

Accordingly, claims 1-10, 13-15, 18, 19, 21-26, 28-40, 43 and 45 are canceled; and claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 20, 27, 41, 42, 44 and 46-59 are currently pending.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 11, 12, 16, 17, 20, 27, 41, 42, 44 and 46-59 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 11, lines 29-32, recites the limitation "said cellular phone further comprises an incoming call record storing portion for storing an incoming call record, wherein said operation portion changes the incoming call displayed on said second displayed portion to another incoming call". In the limitation, "the incoming call" is lack of antecedent basis, and/or it is unclear whether "the incoming call" has any relationship with "an incoming call record" or "an incoming call record storing portion".

Claim 11, line 23, recites the limitation “said second display unit”. This limitation is lack of antecedent basis, or it is unclear whether the limitation refers to “second display portion”, previously recited in claim 11, line 11.

Claim 12, lines 29–31, recites the limitation “said cellular further comprises a control portion for displaying contents of a received mail on the second display portion, wherein said operation portion selects and displays contents of another received mail”. It is unclear whether “said portion” displays “contents of another received mail” on the “second display portion” or on the “first display portion”, (previously recited in claim 12, line 7).

Claim 12, line 23, recites the limitation “said second display unit”. This limitation is lack of antecedent basis, or it is unclear whether the limitation refers to “second display portion”, previously recited in claim 12, line 11.

Claim 16, lines 30–31, recites the limitation “said operation portions include a control item selecting portion and a control magnitude selection portion”. It is unclear in which sense or context the term “control item selecting” has to be interpreted, or unclear what the “control item selecting portion” does with respect to the operations/functions of the claimed cellular

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phone. Similarly, it is unclear in which sense or context the term “control magnitude selection” has to be interpreted, or unclear what the “control magnitude selection portion” does with respect to the operations/functions of the claimed cellular phone.

Claim 16, line 23, recites the limitation “said second display unit”. This limitation is lack of antecedent basis, or it is unclear whether the limitation refers to “second display portion”, previously recited in claim 16, line 11.

Claim 17, lines 30–33, recites the limitation “said second display portion display contents of a received mail, and said plurality of operations include a scroll button for longitudinally or laterally scrolling the contents of the mail displayed on said second display portion, and a selector button for selecting and displaying contents of another received mail”. It is unclear whether the “selector button” displays “contents of another received mail” on the “second display portion” or on the “first display portion”, (previously recited in claim 17, line 7).

Claim 17, line 23, recites the limitation “said second display unit”. This limitation is lack of antecedent basis, or it is unclear whether the limitation refers to “second display portion”, previously recited in claim 17, line 11.

Claim 20, line 30, recites the limitation “said second display portion visually displays a control magnitude changeable by a user”. It is unclear in which sense or context the term “control magnitude” has to be interpreted, or it is unclear of which (e.g., signal, data or function soft-key) the “control magnitude” is.

Claim 27, lines 30–32, recites the limitation “said image taken portion, said second display portion and said plurality of operation portions are arranged at the rear surface of said first body remote from said first display portion, and are located in this order starting from a position near said coupling portion”. It is unclear in which sense or context the term “located in this order starting from a position near said coupling portion” in order to visualize how “said image taken portion”, “said second display portion” and “said plurality of operation portions” are located, or it is unclear whether they are located in an offset vertically or horizontally with respect to one another.

Claim 27, line 23, recites the limitation “said second display unit”. This limitation is lack of antecedent basis, or it is unclear whether the limitation refers to “second display portion”, previously recited in claim 27, line 11.

Claim 41, lines 29–34, recites the limitation “the cellular phone further comprising a control portion controlling an operation of said cellular phone, wherein said control portion includes: a detection portion for detecting operation of any of said plurality of operation buttons, and a switching portion for switching between said first mode and said second mode based on the detection of the operation of said detection portion. In the limitation, the term “said plurality of operation buttons” is lack of antecedent basis, or it is unclear whether the term refers to “a plurality of operation portions”, previously recited in claim 41, line 19.

Claim 41, line 23, recites the limitation “said second display unit”. This limitation is lack of antecedent basis, or it is unclear whether the limitation refers to “second display portion”, previously recited in claim 41, line 11.

Claim 44, line 23, recites the limitation "said second display unit". This limitation is lack of antecedent basis, or it is unclear whether the limitation refers to "second display portion", previously recited in claim 44, line 11.

Claim 44, line 30, recites the limitation "said inversion control signal". This limitation is lack of antecedent basis.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claims, (if any) depended on above claims, are therefore also objected.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 11, 12 16, 17, 20, 27, 41, 42, 44 and 46-59 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s), set forth in this Office action.

Conclusion

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the above formal matters.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sanh D. Phu whose telephone number is (571)272-7857. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 7:00-17:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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